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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean-Pierre BONICEL

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For: CABLE HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY

GASTIGHT METAL TUBE RECEIVING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL CONDUCTOR AND A HYDROGEN-ABSORBENT SUBSTANCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/237,237 filed January 26, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.